



TOWNSHIP OF UPPER UWCHLAN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING

June 20, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Approved

In Attendance:

Board of Supervisors

Guy A. Donatelli, Chair

Kevin C. Kerr, Vice-Chair

Jamie W. Goncharoff, Member

Township Administration

Cary B. Vargo, Township Manager

Gwen A. Jonik, Township Secretary

Jill Bukata, Township Treasurer

John DeMarco, Police Chief

Mike Heckman, Director of Public Works

Al Gaspari, Codes Administrator

Dave Leh, P.E., Township Engineer

Mr. Donatelli called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and offered a moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kerr moved, seconded by Mr. Goncharoff, to approve as presented the minutes of the May 10, 2016 Board of Supervisors Workshop, May 11, 2016 Conditional Use Hearing, and May 16, 2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting. The Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Payments

Mr. Kerr moved, seconded by Mr. Goncharoff, to pay all vendors as listed June 17, 2016. The Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jill Bukata reported the balance sheet remains strong, with year-to-date revenues of \$3,811,380 (53.2% of budget) and year-to-date expenses of \$2,211,712 (35.8% of budget). Earned income tax the first five months of 2016 is \$77,000 higher than the same period 2015.

Supervisor's Report

Mr. Donatelli announced that it was his honor to recognize and thank Upper Uwchlan Township Police Chief John DeMarco for his 30 years of service with the Township, guiding the Department from its humble beginnings in the corner of the Schoolhouse to the large Staff of today, serving the Community during its growth from hardly any traffic on Route 100 and approximately 3,000 residents to the heavy traffic and more than 11,000 residents today. Special Guests in attendance were Chief DeMarco's wife and children, Walt and Sarah Styer; Charlie and Pam Lobb, Chief Kevin Dykes of the Chester County District Attorney's Office, Sgt. David Weigner of the Chester County Fraternal Order of Police, Detective Tom Jones and Officer Kyle Sherman – President and Vice President of the Township's Police Association, respectively, Alison and Ron Orlando, Officers Paul Kemme, Dave Stiteler, Kyle Sherman, Bob and Mrs. Davis, and Corporals Joe Carr and Brian Gathercole. Tom Jones and Kyle Sherman presented Chief DeMarco with a plaque from the Police Association, Mr. Donatelli presented a plaque from the Board of Supervisors, and Chief Dykes presented a Challenge Coin. All in attendance were invited to enjoy light refreshments at the conclusion of the Meeting.

Chief DeMarco expressed his gratitude for all of the Supervisors' support over the years and for the dedicated service of the Township Police Officers.

Mr. Kerr announced it was his pleasure to present Jill Bukata, Treasurer, with a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation, as the Township was awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The Township budget process has changed dramatically over the past few years, incorporating increased levels of detail and the vision for the future, which is coordinated and compiled by Mrs. Bukata.

Mr. Donatelli read the following published calendar: July 4, 2016 Office Closed ~ Independence Day; July 12, 2016 4:00 p.m. Board of Supervisors Workshop; July 18, 2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting; Yard Waste Collections June 22, June 29, July 13, July 27.

Administration Reports

Township Engineer's Report

Dave Leh reported a land development plan for Byers Station Parcel 5C – "Village at Byers Station" was submitted and is under review.

Building and Codes Department

Al Gaspari reported that 125 building permits were issued in May, totaling \$14,112 in permit fees; approximately 50% of the Phase II sewer expansion properties are connected and the installations have been going smoothly; and he commended Kathi McGrath for all of her work coordinating the Township's Annual Block Party this past Saturday.

Police Chief's Report

Chief DeMarco reported that 1,296 incidents were handled, including 11 reported crimes and 4 arrests. He provided the Board with his thoughts regarding the use of body cameras and asked for the Board's direction. While included in the budget, he does not want to proceed to order body cameras, and only upgrade the car cameras, which are in all of the patrol cars. Due to the Pennsylvania Wire Tap Act, Officers should turn off body cameras when entering homes or private property, but what happens if the Officer forgets to turn off their body camera – that footage could become subject to Right-To-Know Laws, and could change the relationship between the police force and the citizens. The Supervisors commented that they want the Officers to be protected in their work and continue to instill trust with the community. They stand behind the Chief and believe the Police Association should determine what technology is best to use in order to do their job. The Chief advised he will continue to research the pros and cons of the body cameras in relation to protecting residents' privacy.

Public Works Department

Mike Heckman reported Department activities included 6 municipal Authority work orders, 129 PA-1 calls, 58 general public works items, 15 trash/recycling tasks, as well as regular maintenance and inspection of vehicles and equipment, mowing. Bids for this year's road milling and paving projects were received, and Steve Poley and Mike Heckman have been attending Penn State Training courses.

Land Development

Ewing Tract – West Vincent Township Phase 2 Sewer Construction. The Developer (Lennar) requested a release for construction of sewer infrastructure for a portion of the Ewing Tract in West Vincent Township. The request was reviewed by ARRO. Mr. Kerr moved, seconded by Mr. Goncharoff, to recommend to the West Vincent Township Board of Supervisors a release of \$519,082.80 for said sewer infrastructure construction. The Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION

2016 Road Milling and Paving Contract. Mike Heckman advised that 8 vendors submitted bids for 2016 Milling and Paving. Glasgow, Inc. was the low bidder at \$5.85/square yard for milling and \$65.55 per ton for the asphalt overlay. The price of oil is lower now than when the projects

were estimated last October, therefore Mr. Heckman would like to add Hoffman Circle to the projects list. Mr. Kerr moved, seconded by Mr. Goncharoff, to award the 2016 Road Milling and Paving Contract - adding Hoffman Circle, to Glasgow, Inc. The Motion carried unanimously.

Route 100 Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase II Performance Bond release. Mr. Vargo advised that the Township took dedication of Phase II of the Treatment Plant in May 2016, which has been operational since last fall. Pulte has requested the Township release their \$810,089.20 Performance Bond. ARRO personnel have reviewed and recommend the release. Mr. Vargo advised the Performance Bond wouldn't be released until the Township is in receipt of an 18-month Maintenance Bond for the infrastructure. Mr. Kerr moved, seconded by Mr. Goncharoff, to release Pulte's Performance Bond following the receipt of an 18-month Maintenance Bond. The Motion carried unanimously.

Authorize advertisement of Proposed Zoning Amendment -- Active Adult Community. Mr. Vargo advised that the McKee Group submitted a Petition to Amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow Active Adult Communities (AAC) as a permitted use in the F-1 Flexible Overlay District, and specifically the Fethers property. The proposed ordinance amendment seeks an AAC density (dwellings per acre) increase from 1.1 to 2.2 and also addresses bonus density for the provision of offsite wastewater treatment and disposal capacity. The Township Planning Commission reviewed the proposed amendment and recommended the Board conduct a hearing on the matter. Mr. Donatelli moved, seconded by Mr. Goncharoff, to authorize the advertisement of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment for consideration at the July meeting. Mr. Kerr asked that the Planning Commission and Municipal Authority review the Amendment. The Motion to advertise carried unanimously.

Jacob Purhalla, Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 83 of Lionville, presented his proposed Eagle Scout project at Upland Farm. He would like to install 3 points of interest and informational signs, several butterfly bushes, a bench, and bluebird houses. He has met with Al Gaspari regarding the design of his project. The Supervisors supported his proposal and wished him well with the project.

Open Session

No comments were offered.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Mr. Donatelli adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik
Township Secretary